

environmental issues and alternatives, and invited public participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process. A public scoping meeting was announced and held on December 3, 1997, at Jacksonville, FL. Comments and feedback received during the public scoping process were used to guide development of the environmental analyses included in this final JEA EIS. The availability of the draft environmental impact statement for the Proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, August 25, 1999 (64 FR 46363). The Notice invited oral and written comments and provided details on the public hearing. A public hearing was held at the North Campus of the Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Florida, on September 30, 1999. Comments received during the comment period and at the public hearing have been addressed in the Final JEA EIS.

DOE proposes to provide funding to JEA for supporting the construction and operation of a combustor and boiler to repower a steam turbine and generator that have been out of service since 1983 at JEA's Northside Generating Station. As part of this proposed action (the preferred alternative identified in the EIS), the Final JEA EIS evaluates plans by JEA to repower a second, currently operating, steam turbine without cost-shared funding from DOE. In addition to analyzing the environmental impacts of the proposed action, the Final JEA EIS analyzes the potential impacts of the No-Action Alternative. Under the No-Action Alternative, three scenarios that reasonably could be expected to be pursued by JEA in the absence of DOE funding are analyzed. The Final JEA EIS compares the environmental impacts that could be expected to occur from repowering the two steam turbines with new circulating fluidized bed combustors with the impacts that would be likely from each of the three scenarios under the No-Action Alternative.

The principal focus of the JEA EIS is on evaluating impacts from construction and operation of the proposed project on the primary areas of concern: human health, air quality, surface water, groundwater, ecological resources, socioeconomic resources (including environmental justice), noise, and traffic. In addition, impacts on land use, floodplains, wetlands, waste management, and cultural resources are also considered.

DOE has distributed copies of the Final JEA EIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local agencies and government officials in Florida, Federal

agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of the document may be obtained by contacting DOE as provided in the section of this notice entitled **ADDRESSES**. Copies of the Final JEA EIS are also available for inspection at the locations identified below:

- (1) U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.
- (2) U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.
- (3) Highlands Branch Library, 1826 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

DOE may issue a Record of Decision (ROD) on whether to provide cost-shared funding for the proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project no sooner than 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

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Robert S. Kripowicz,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 25, 2000: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Wellington Room, I-40 & Georgia, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to advise the Department of Energy and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1:30 Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes

1:45 Co-Chair Comments

2:00 Task Force/Subcommittee Reports

2:30 Ex-Officio Reports

3:00 Updates—Concurrence Reports—DOE

3:30 Break

3:45 Presentation (To Be Decided)

4:45 Public Comments

5:00 Closing Comments

5:30 Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and every reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 am to 12 noon on Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9 am to 7 pm on Monday; 9 am to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 26, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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